

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-1-13-02

Issued at Soldotna, June 12, 2002

Effective 12:01 a.m., June 14, 2002
Date:

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., June 30,
2002

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order restricts the Kasilof River early-run king salmon sport fishery from 12:01 a.m., Friday, June 14, through 11:59 p.m., Sunday, June 30. Only king salmon with a healed adipose fin-clip scar may be retained. King salmon with an adipose fin shall not be removed from the water and must be released immediately. The daily bag and possession limit is one (1) fish 20 inches or more in length and 10 fish less than 20 inches in length. Harvested fish 20 inches or more in length must be recorded immediately on the back of the fishing license or harvest record card. Only one single hook may be used. A person who harvests a king salmon from the Kasilof River may not continue to fish in any fresh waters of the Kenai Peninsula open to king salmon fishing for the rest of that day. Sport fishing guides may not fish while clients are present or within their control or responsibility.

This emergency order is effective at 12:01 a.m., Friday, June 14, 2002.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 56.022 (a)(7) are superceded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective:

5 AAC 56.022. WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS

(a)(7) In the Kasilof River drainage (excluding Crooked Creek, and Tustumena Lake and its tributaries), from 12:01 a.m., June 14, through 11:59 p.m., June 30:

Only king salmon with a healed adipose fin-clip may be retained. King salmon with an adipose fin shall not be removed from the water and must be released immediately. The daily bag and possession limit is one (1) fish 20 inches or more in length and 10 fish less than 20 inches in length;

Only one single-hook may be used. A single hook is a hook with only one point;

A person who harvests a king salmon from the Kasilof River may not continue to fish for any species of fish that same day in fresh waters of the Kenai Peninsula open to king salmon sport fishing;

A fishing guide may not sport fish while a client is present or is within the fishing guides control or responsibility.

For the purposes of this emergency order,

"client" has the meaning given in 5 AAC 75.995, and

"fishing guide" has the meaning given in 5 AAC 75.995.

Frank Rue,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Mark S. Gamblin,
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Kasilof River early-run king salmon sport fishery is managed for a sustainable escapement goal range of 650–1,700 naturally-produced early-run king salmon at the Crooked Creek weir. In each of the past three seasons (1999-2001), the lower end of the escapement goal range (650 fish) was not achieved. The recent closure of the Kenai River early-run king salmon sport fishery has resulted in higher than anticipated angler effort and harvest of Kasilof River early-run king salmon. Department staff have concluded that the restrictions provided by this emergency order are necessary to achieve the Kasilof River early-run king salmon escapement goal.

DISTRIBUTION:

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